

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-15 will be pending. By this amendment, claims 1-15 have been amended.

§112 Rejection of Claims 1-15

In Section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. As noted above, independent claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, and 9 have been amended, thereby obviating the rejections of claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, and 9, as well as to claims 2 and 10 that depend from claim 1, to claim 11 that depends from claim 3, to claims 5 and 12 that depend from claim 4, to claim 13 that depends from claim 6, to claims 8 and 14 that depend from claim 7, and to claim 15 that depends from claim 9. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-15 based upon 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, has been obviated and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 1-15 is respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.


In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number written below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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